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10 INVENTION: **METHOD FOR STATISTICAL MULTIPLEXING  
OF ATM LINKS**

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**REMARKS**

5 The attached PTO 1449 form lists prior art references identified in the International Search Report, copy of which is enclosed herewith.

European reference EP 0 673 138 A2 dated 29 September 1995,  
(corresponding to U.S. Patent 5,583,857 dated 10 December 1996);

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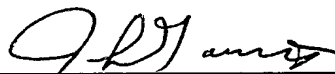
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